

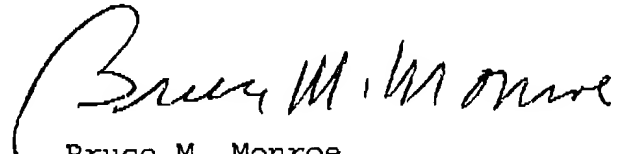
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elongation of 300%.

REMARKS

Claims 5 and 17 have been amended to change dependency and to put the claims in better condition for appeal. It is submitted that no new matter is introduced by this amendment. It is submitted that this amendment does not introduce any new questions of patentability. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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The claims have been amended as follows:

5. (twice amended) The fiber of claim[5] 4 in which the fiber has a core of a segmented polymer; the segmented polymer has soft segments and hard segments; the hard segments are selected from the group consisting of urethane, amide, imide, and mixtures thereof; and the hard segments are linked to the soft segments by covalent bonds.

17. (once amended) The fluoride-containing fiber of claim[15] 14 in which the fiber has:

a denier value in the range of 40 to 4,000;

a tensile strength higher than 0.5 grams per denier; and

a break elongation of at least 400%;

the fiber requiring a stress to elongate selected from the group consisting of 0.03 to 0.4 grams per denier to develop an elongation of 200% and 0.07 to 0.6 grams per denier to develop an elongation of 300%.